

Farmer Handbook

Addendum for WIC FMNP Farmers

This section applies to Farmers authorized to participate in the WIC FMNP (Women, Infants, and Children Farmers' Market Nutrition Program).

The WIC FMNP was established in July 1992, by Public Law 102-314 and aims to provide fresh, unprepared, locally grown fruit, vegetables, and cut herbs directly to WIC participants, and to expand the awareness and use of local farmers' markets.

WIC FMNP will operate in Virginia only in Augusta County, Pittsylvania County, and Danville. The authorized Farmer must comply with all of the rules and procedures in this Handbook as well as the following listed additions.

Farmer Definition

The Farmer Definition for WIC FMNP is the same as the Farmer Definition for the SFMNP.

Eligible Foods

Eligible Foods under the WIC FMNP are the same as the Eligible Foods for the SFMNP except white potatoes are not an eligible food for WIC participants.

Ineligible Foods

Ineligible Foods under the WIC FMNP are the same as the Ineligible Foods for the SFMNP, except WIC FMNP participants are not allowed to use their checks for white potatoes.

Farmer Application, Farmer Agreement, Farmer Selection

The application and authorization processes and selection criteria are the same for WIC FMNP and SFMNP. The only difference is that the application and Farmer Agreement refers to S/FMNP which is used to denote both the Senior and WIC FMNP programs.

Please note: The S/FMNP Farmer Agreement **does not certify Farmers to accept the Virginia eWIC card**, which is what Virginia WIC families use at certified retailers for their regular WIC package of food benefits.

Signs

There is a separate sign designating Farmers who are authorized WIC FMNP Farmers. Both signs must be posted in order for the Farmer to accept both WIC and SFMNP checks. Farmers are in violation and subject to suspension for the remainder of the season/year if they are accepting WIC FMNP checks without the specific current year's sign posted.

Checks

WIC FMNP checks are a different color than the SFMNP check, but they are transacted in the same manner. The checks must be signed on the front by the WIC customer and

stamped using the same Farmer ID stamp. The Farmer must also endorse the back of the check prior to depositing it in his or her bank.

ID Stamps

Farmers use the same numbered ID stamp to identify WIC FMNP checks that he or she uses to stamp SFMNP checks.

Locations

Locations where the WIC FMNP checks will be redeemed are limited to the following Farmers' Markets:

Staunton Farmers' Market
Johnson and Byers Streets
Staunton, VA

Verona-North Augusta Farmers' Market
Government Center Dock
Verona, VA

Waynesboro Farmers' Market
215 W Main St
Waynesboro, VA 22980

Danville Farmers' Market
629 Craghead St
Danville, VA 24541

Old Dominion Agriculture Center
US 29 N
Chatham, VA

Authorized Farmers in the WIC FMNP are allowed to accept the checks only at these five Farmers' Market locations and are not allowed to accept WIC FMNP checks at their Roadside/Farm Stand or individual retail Farm Market operation.

Monitoring, Violations, Sanctions, and Appeal

All of the same rules and procedures for monitoring, violations, sanctions, appeal of adverse actions, and requests for fair hearings stated for the SFMNP apply in the WIC FMNP.